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REPLY

Sir:

In response to the outstanding Restriction Requirement, mailed January 8, 2004, in connection with the above application, Applicants hereby elect with traverse, Group I, claims 1 and 2, drawn to Bcl-XL binding polypeptides. In response to the election requirement, Applicants elect with traverse the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 60 (Novel Protein I in Table 2 and Figure 7) for search purposes only. Applicants traverse the restriction requirement for the reasons which follow.

Amendments begin on page 2 of this paper.

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